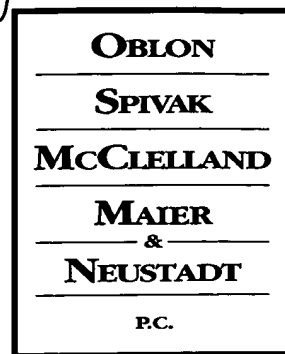




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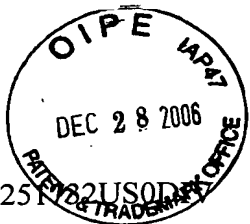
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Responsive to the Official Action dated September 13, 2006, Applicants elect, with
traverse, L-glutamic acid for (A) and any of the L-isoleucine biosynthetic enzyme activities as
the species of (B), with traverse, for further examination on the merits. Claims 5-8 read on the
elected Species.

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring an election of a single disclosed Species for EACH of the
following (A) and (B):

A. Amino acid produced

a) L-glutamic acid;

b) L-proline;

c) L-arginine; or